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1. AS FORECAST IN REFTEL, SHEZAD SADIQ HAS BEEN REPLACED AS CHAIRMAN OF OGDC. HIS REPLACEMENT, IFTIKHARUDDIN AHMED, IS A CAREER PROFESSIONAL IN THE PETROLEUM FIELD. THE APPOINTMENT WAS WIDELY APPLAUDED BY FOREIGN COMPANIES OPERATING IN PAKISTAN AND WITHIN THE GOP PETROLEUM CIRCLES. IFTIKHARUDDIN IS SEEN AS A COMPETENT, LOW-KEY PETROLEUM EXPERT IN CONTRAST TO THE VIEW OF SADIQ AS A FLAMBOYANT, AGGRESSIVE EMPIRE-BUILDER. WE HAVE NOTHING TO ADD TO THE REASONS FOR SADIQ'S REMOVAL REPORTED IN REFTEL, EXCEPT THAT THERE SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN GROWING DISSATISFACTION WITH THE AMOUNT OF MONEY SPENT BY OGDC FOR VERY MEAGER RESULTS.

2. IFTIKHARUDDIN GRADUATED FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER IN 1951 WITH A DEGREE IN MECHANICAL/ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING. HE WORKED FOR BURMAH OIL'S PAKISTANI SUBSIDIARY, PAKISTAN PETROLEUM LTD. (BURMAH 70 PERCENT, GOP 30 PERCENT), FOR SEVERAL YEARS AND BY 1966 HAD BECOME

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CHIEF ENGINEER OF PPL. HE BECAME MANAGER OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF SUI GAS FIELDS FOR PPL, AND THEN DIRECTOR OF SUI NORTHERN GAS CO. AND SUI GAS TRANSMISSION CO. SUBSEQUENTLY, HE BECAME DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS FOR ALL OF BURMAH'S ACTIVITIES IN PAKISTAN. HIS CURRENT POSITION IS DEPUTY CHIEF REPRESENTATIVE OF BURMAH OIL IN PAKISTAN. APPARENTLY, THE GOP HAS SECURED A

PROMISE FROM BURMAH THAT IFTIKHARUDDIN WOULD BE
SECONDED TO OGDC FOR HIS APPOINTMENT AS CHIARMAN.
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